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INTERNET FACILITY ON DOLPHINE MOBILE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of consumers are using BSNL and Dolphin Mobile service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether no Internet facility is available on Dolphin Mobile service;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Government to introduce this facility on Dolphin Mobile service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. As on 31.03.2006, the total number of consumers (pre paid and post paid) using GSM (Global system for Mobile Communications) mobile services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is 17,163,761 and Dolphin mobile service, a post-paid GSM mobile service of MTNL, has 4,83,693 consumers.

(c) Dolphin mobile subscribers can access Internet facility on subscription basis.

(d) & (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.